



# news

Spring/Summer 2020

## Mayor

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## City Council

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## City Administrator

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## City Judge

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## Important Phone Numbers

### City Hall

986-2715 / 986-7915

### Police Department

986-2005

### Fire Department

986-2310

### Programs & Recreation Facilities

986-1223

### Lenoir City Utilities Board

1-844-OUR LCUB (687-5282)

### Lenoir City School Board Office

986-8058

### Lenoir City Planning Office

986-2715

### The Venue at Lenoir City

986-8340

### Loudon County Economic Development Agency

458-8889

### Loudon County Chamber of Commerce

458-2067

### Visit Loudon County

986-6822

## From the Desk of the Mayor

It is my pleasure to share with you once again in this edition of *Lenoir City News*. As always, let's reflect on some of the accomplishments we have experienced over the past several months and look toward the future.

Budget preparation season is here! Once again, I am proud to say that for the 10th year in a row, I anticipate no new taxes for the citizens of Lenoir City. In a recent study, the property tax rate in Lenoir City proved to be lower than approximately 85 percent of the entire state. Additionally, Lenoir City's current rate at 0.9955 is the lowest in seven of the cities that surround us.

We are still progressing on the Central Park Phase II Project (located downtown next to the Post Office). This phase will encompass installation of an All-Access Splashpad, pavilion, restrooms/changing rooms, additional parking, and landscaping...leading to more usage of the Central Park, which is already successful with its playground. As you know, we were awarded a \$500,000 matching grant for this project via Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's Local Parks and Recreation Fund (TDEC-LPRF). In order to receive the full \$500,000 from the grant, we are required to match (locally) with another \$500,000. We are currently informing local organizations about this donation opportunity to help with that local match. After completing the Request



for Qualifications process, we have selected the firm, MBI, to serve as the consultant for the project. They are currently finishing with the design and should have plans and drawings in short order. We hope to have the new addition to the park open in late Summer 2020.

Construction on Phase II of the Downtown Streetscapes Project is now complete! The phase is composed of one block of North B Street from Broadway to First Avenue (in front of the War Memorial Building); Broadway from C Street to A Street; areas of Grand Street to Kingston Street. This phase will feature replaced sidewalks, underground electrical, decorative streetlight poles, and stamped concrete areas. We hope this positive change and improvement will further promote the revitalization of downtown and secure the historic area for many generations to come.

I am delighted to announce that we have received all but two trucks that were to be purchased using the Diesel Replacement Grant offered by TDOT and the Federal Government. We currently have a new backhoe and four new dump trucks in the Public Works Department fleet (pictures shown in Public Works Department article). We were able to obtain \$473,241.60 worth of equipment using 80% grant funding.

I am honored to serve as your Mayor! My greatest passion is this community and its people. If I may do anything for you, please do not hesitate to contact me at 865-986-2715.

# Parks & Recreation Department

## SPECIAL EVENTS



### Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Come join the fun as you let your kids enjoy the excitement of finding a basket full of Easter eggs and having their picture made with the Easter bunny! The hunt will be broken down into 3 different age groups: ages 0-3, 4-7, and 8-12. This event is free and everyone is welcome. Bring your own baskets or bags.

Lenoir City Park

Saturday, April 11

Activities start at 1 p.m.

with hunt beginning at 2 p.m.

### Movies in the Park

Our Movies in the Park series offers a free, outdoor movie night each month beginning in May and running through September. This season's movie themes include family, children and comedies. Pack some snacks, grab a blanket or chair, and come watch a movie with us! Movies begin at dusk.

Lenoir City Park

Movies to be announced on the Monday the week of the show:

May 16; June 19; July 17; Aug 21; and Sept 18.

### Schools Out Pool Bash

Come to the pool and celebrate the end of another school year at our School's Out Pool Bash where there will be music, games and lots of pool time! This is a free event.

Claire Donahue Aquatic Center

Friday, May 22

6-8 p.m. for grades K - 5th

8-10 p.m. for Middle School and High School

### Rockin' the Docks

Rockin' the Docks will again bring live music and fireworks to the Lenoir City Park/Cove area on Memorial Day and July 4th weekends. Live music begins at 4:00pm and will continue until the Fireworks Show at 10:00 pm. There will be plenty of entertainment, food, children's play area and the largest fireworks show in East Tennessee.

Lenoir City Park

May 23 and July 4.

### Festival of Friends

An event designed to provide public awareness of the disabled communities in the area as well as a fun opportunity to get the family out for festive activities. Activities include: music, food, games, and vendors.

The Patricia Neal Innovative Recreation Cooperative will host a water ski venue for the day. Festival of Friends is hosted by the Lenoir City Pilot Club and the Lenoir City Parks and Recreation Department.

Lenoir City Park

Shelters 1, 4 and 7

(right side of the park)

Saturday, June 20

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### 4th of July Parade

Lenoir City's annual holiday parade will begin again with our children's Firecracker Run. This is a half-mile fun run for children ages 5-12. The run is free and the first 100 children receive a free event t-shirt. Every runner receives a participation award. Top prizes will be given to the first place boy and girl from each division. Participants for the parade or race can register by calling the Lenoir City Parks and Recreation Department at 986-1223.

Saturday, July 4

Broadway - "C" Street to

South Grand Street

Line-up at 10 a.m. at intersection of

Industrial Blvd. and South "C" Street

Race Check-In at 10 a.m.

at Roane State Parking Lot

Parade/Race at 11 a.m.

Zack Cusick, Program Coordinator  
zcusick@lenoircitytn.gov  
Kim Arms, Adm. Assistant  
karms@lenoircitytn.gov

Office Location:

530 Hwy. 321 N, Suite 301

Lenoir City, TN 37771

Office Hours: M - F, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 865-986-1223

Facebook: @lcparksandrecreation

Shelter Reservations:

Call 986-1223 or visit lenoircitytn.gov

### Cool Down in Downtown

"Cool Down in Downtown" is a homemade ice cream contest that will be held in downtown Lenoir City. Local businesses, church groups, schools, civic groups or anyone in the general public are welcome to enter a team(s). Teams must provide their own ice cream, tables and chairs, tent (optional) and decorations/props to set up their booth. This is a wonderful way to get involved in the community and do fun PR for your organization. No entry fee required.

Downtown Lenoir City

Thursday, August 13

6:30-8 p.m.

## ATHLETICS

### Summer Tennis Camp

Saturday mornings

June 6 through July 25

Age groups: 4-7 and 8-13.

Cost is \$20.00

Lenoir City Park

Instructor: Daphne Moore

Call Parks and Recreation to register

### Fall Youth Baseball Sign-ups

Coach pitch and kid pitch baseball available for boys and girls ages 4-11.

Office registration: begins July 13

Monday - Friday

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

After hours registration:

July 21 and 28

5 to 7 p.m.

Evaluations: August 15th

Lenoir City Parks and Recreation

Office (530 Hwy. 321 North)

\$40 per person or \$75 per family



## AQUATICS



### Summer Pool Season

The Claire Donahue Aquatic Center opens Saturday, May 23. For more information about the pool, please contact us at 986-1223 or [www.lenoircitytn.gov](http://www.lenoircitytn.gov)

### Open Swim

Monday - Friday from 12 to 5 p.m.

Saturdays from 12 to 6 p.m.

Sundays from 1 to 6 p.m.

Open swim is closing weekdays on July 31.

Open swim is weekends only through August 30.

### Daily Fees

3 and under	Free
Ages 4-17	\$3.00
Adults	\$4.00

### Swim Passes

Student Pass	\$50.00
Adult Pass	\$75.00
Family Pass (5)	\$150.00

### Private Parties

Every night during the summer!

Monday through Thursday:

7-9 p.m.

Friday through Sunday:

6-8 p.m. or 8-10 p.m.

\$150.00 (price includes 2 lifeguards)

Call starting April 1 to book your party

### Water Aerobics

Monday through Thursday

6-7 p.m.

Water Aerobics - \$3 per session  
or season passes available

Lap Swimming - \$3 per session

or season passes available

### ARC Swim Lessons

American Red Cross swim classes will be available in June and July. Classes will be offered for all ability levels during each session. Call starting April 1 to sign up. All children **MUST** be entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2020 to enroll, except for our Parent/Tot lesson. The cost is \$40 per session (1-9) and \$20 for sessions 10-11 (Parent/Tot)

Session	Date	Time
1	June 1-11	9:45-10:30 a.m.
2	June 1-11	10:45-11:30 a.m.
3	June 1-11	5:15-6:00 p.m.
4	June 15-25	9:45-10:30 a.m.
5	June 15-25	10:45-11:30 a.m.
6	June 15-25	5:15-6:00 p.m.
7	July 6-16	9:45-10:30 a.m.
8	July 6-16	10:45-11:30 a.m.
9	July 6-16	5:15-6:00 p.m.

### Parent/Tot Lessons

(Ages 18 months - 4 years)

10	June 15-18	6:00-6:30 p.m.
11	July 6-9	6:00-6:30 p.m. ■

# Codes Enforcement and Planning Department

**H**ave you ever wanted to have your own business? Being the boss sounds great! Well you probably realize you need to get a business license, but did you also know you need to see the Codes Department?

The first thing we will help you do is check the zoning of the property you'd like to have your business at and see if it is an allowed use. This is a very important first step because the city is setup with twelve different zoning districts ranging from residential, to office professional, industrial, and commercial with multiples of those. Each district allows some things but not all things and you don't want to put money into a property that won't allow your type of business.

Next, we'll help you determine if you need a building permit for any remodeling or building work you may need to do. Repainting a wall or retilling a floor does not need a permit, but adding and removing walls, changing plumbing, and other things

might. We can even do a site visit on the property to better determine what you will need.

Next is signage. Of course, you will want the public to know who you are so signage is needed; but a sign permit is also needed in most cases. We can help you to know what you're allowed and how to make the most out of your signage.

Finally, before any new business opens within the city a new Certificate of Occupancy (CO) is needed. We will schedule the building official to come and walk through your business, before you open to the public, and check for things such as emergency lighting, emergency exits, and bathrooms, just to name a few. We want to make sure all our businesses are safe for you, your employees, and your customers.

The only fees associated with these services are for a building permit and a sign permit. We are here to help you get your business dreams started!

A few new businesses in our city

that have recently opened are: Doggy Play Care; Shampoooch, Auto Director (second location), Cedar & Twine, The Lacy General Store, and Lakeway Wellness.

The Codes Department has been assessing the city's sidewalks for some time now to determine areas of repair. One issue that continues to arise is vehicles parking on the sidewalk. This is a major problem as it blocks sidewalks for those who are trying to use them and causes damage to the sidewalks. It is also against the city's ordinance to park a vehicle on them. Please do not park on the sidewalk.

Please call the Department of Codes Enforcement and Planning with any issues or questions at Lenoir City Hall at 865-986-9876; or email Rondel Branam, Building Official/Codes Enforcement Officer/ADA Coordinator at [rbranam@lenoircitytn.gov](mailto:rbranam@lenoircitytn.gov); or Beth Collins, City Planner/Office Manager at [bcollins@lenoircitytn.gov](mailto:bcollins@lenoircitytn.gov). ■

# The Venue: Fourth Anniversary Update

**R**oughly 280 guests from all over the region joined The Venue at Lenoir City to kick off its 4th Anniversary on December 31, 2019 at its Annual New Year's Eve Celebration. During its three full years in business, The Venue has welcomed more than 105,000 guests. Clients and guests from Loudon County, Knoxville & Farragut, Oak Ridge, Sweetwater and Madisonville, Athens and Cleveland, Maryville and Blount County, Roane County, Nashville, and even out-of-state, enjoyed Lenoir City's premier event facility.

During calendar-year 2019, over \$450,000 in revenue was generated by The Venue. The average income per event was \$2,607, with an average event attendance of 180 people. As far as market breakdown for types of events, corporate gatherings comprised roughly 40 percent, with private and social events (including weddings) and non-profit events each accounting for 30 percent of The Venue's business.

Referrals and repeat business comprised the most common ways clients heard about The Venue, with its website, social media platforms, and online advertising comprising the second most common business drivers. Specialty wedding and event websites, walk-ins and phone calls, and other paid advertising rounded out the list of the most common methods clients utilized to find out about The Venue.

The Venue's staff currently includes two full-time employees (the original

director and assistant director), as well as one permanent part-time event captain. A talented pool of roughly 35-45 part-time service staff – depending upon the time of year – rounds out the team. The staff and facility continue to enjoy 5-star reviews

on a variety of social media sites, including Facebook, Google, Eventective, WeddingWire, and others. Post-event comment cards and client letters and emails also reflect a high degree of satisfaction with experiences at The Venue.

"We're thrilled that the local community and clients from throughout the region and beyond have discovered – and keep rediscovering – The Venue," said Allison Sousa, director. She added, "Every person on staff and those providing support at City Hall truly go out of their way to ensure top-notch communication, first-class service, a variety of amenities, and trust-worthy partnerships, with a primary goal of developing long-lasting relationships and repeat visits."

In addition to the revenue generated on-site, The Venue's positive impact on local economic development continues to grow. Primary areas of



impact include room nights at area hotels, "on their own" meals at local restaurants, visits to area service stations, and shopping in our popular downtowns and other retail areas. As a result of taxes generated by the tourism development efforts spearheaded by Visit Loudon County and supported by The Venue, other government entities, and tourism-related businesses, each Loudon County household pays \$230.36 less in local and state taxes (Source: "2018 Economic Impact of Travel on Tennessee Counties Report").

If you have been to The Venue, we thank you for your support and feedback. If you haven't yet booked or attended an event at this premier event facility and would like more information, visit its website at [www.VenueLC.com](http://www.VenueLC.com), call (865) 986-8340, or email [info@VenueLC.com](mailto:info@VenueLC.com). ■

## Lenoir City Finance Department

**S**pring is here and most of us cannot wait for sunny days and warmer weather. The Lenoir City Finance Office just recently finished up another successful property tax season. As of March 2, 2020, our office collected 94.5 percent of our taxes for the year 2019 and collected 60.5 percent of the 2018 delinquent taxes. Also, we have turned over any unpaid 2018 delinquent taxes to the

Loudon County Clerk and Master's Office as of April 1, 2020. If you have any questions about your property taxes, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

**Loudon County Clerk and Master's Office** is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Location: 201 Alma Place, Loudon, TN 37774  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 509,

HOURS: M-F 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Phone: 865-986-2227; Fax: 865-988-5143

Loudon, TN 37774  
Phone Number: 865-458-2630

A representative from the Loudon County Clerk's Office will be here Monday and Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for anyone needing to register their vehicle.

**Lenoir City Finance Department** is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Phone Number: 865-986-2227  
Fax Number: 865-988-5143 ■



# Lenoir City Police Department

**S**pring is approaching and travel season is upon us. Travel affects each of our lives in various ways. Many people travel for work daily, while others simply commute in and around Lenoir City each day. Some people walk, others ride bicycles or motorcycles and a great majority drive some type of motor vehicle. Regardless of the path we each take; we find ourselves needing to navigate the roadways in and around Lenoir City. We are fortunate that a great deal of the construction that has been in process over the past several years is nearing completion. However, with the new traffic patterns and construction zones in place, we remain diligent in enforcing the traffic laws set forth by the City of Lenoir City and the State of Tennessee. Our goal and mission are to protect the motoring and pedestrian traffic, while we attempt to reduce or eliminate traffic accidents through enforcement of traffic laws.

School zone traffic, congestion and speeding are a priority of our agency. We assist with traffic control not only for Lenoir City High School, Lenoir City Middle and Lenoir City Elementary School, but for Eaton Elementary and North Middle Schools. Each of the school zones have dedicated lights that flash indicating that the school zone speed limits should be observed. The zones are regulated based on the times that children would be arriving and departing. Grant monies awarded by the Tennessee Highway Safety Office, have made it possible to purchase a piece of equipment that can be stationed throughout the City which displays messages and notices to the motoring public. Many of you may have seen this device in construction zones and in several of the school zones. Our hope would be to heighten the awareness of drivers passing through the zones. School zone speed and safety violations within the zones will be strictly enforced. Please be mindful of the congested traffic, speed variations throughout the day, as well as bus traffic and pedestrians that may be in the school zones.

As part of the TDOT projects

throughout the City, new traffic lights have been placed along the corridor of U.S. Highway 321. We have had several folks inquire about the "red left turn arrows" that are displayed on several of the new traffic lights. This may be confusing for many. However, when the red left turn arrow is being displayed, vehicles are not authorized to make a left turn. Turning left when the red arrow is displayed is a violation of TCA §55-8-110(3)(c). Motorists wishing to make a left turn where a traffic control device is in place, may only do so when a green signal or green turn arrow is present.

Another change to the traffic pattern within the City is the removal of the medians and addition of the extended turn lanes. Motorists should pay close attention to the signage and lane markings which assist with determining direction of travel. Slower travel speeds should also assist as travelers become more familiar with these lanes and their use. The reduction of crossover points along the Hwy. 321 corridor has caused drivers to perform U-Turns along the route as they travel to and from their destinations. We would recommend that drivers review the TCA §54-16-108 regarding use of U-Turns. Please be aware that U-Turns are recognized as acceptable at most locations, unless prohibited by posting. Motorists should use extreme caution when executing a U-Turn.



These are just a few hot topics regarding traffic safety that continue to be discussed and reviewed by our agency. Our mission and goal are to keep the Citizens of Lenoir City and its' visitors safe. We would be neglecting our duty, by not providing you with information and resources to assist each of you as you travel around Lenoir City. There is a wonderful resource which we can share with each of you to assist with any type of question you may have regarding the laws set forth by the State of Tennessee. This free resource is available using the link below:

<https://advance.lexis.com/container?confi g=014CJAA5ZGVhZjA3NS02MmMzLT RlZWQ1OGJjNC00YzQ1MmZlNzc2YW YKAFBvZENhdGFsb2e9zYpNUjTRaIWV fyrur9ud&crd=10e940fb-582c-41f0-b5cf-b60ad2795dfd>

As always, if you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to stop by our office or call 865-986-2005. The knowledge and safer driving practices of our citizens will help us to make Lenoir City a better place to live, work and play. ■

## Summer Fun at the Library!

- Join us every Friday in June at 10:30 a.m. for **Summer Story Time** celebrating our community helpers!
- Kids can participate in a **Summer Reading Program** to earn a free meal from Panda Express!
- Adults can play our **Summer Reading Bingo** and be placed in a drawing for a Book Lover's Gift Basket from TVA Credit Union!
- Call the Library at 865-986-3210 or follow us on facebook for more details! ■



# Lenoir City Fire Department

Richard Martin, Fire Chief  
Phone: 986-2310

## MISSION STATEMENT:

Is the protection of life and property of the citizens of Lenoir City through Education, Fire Prevention, Code Enforcement, and the response of highly trained emergency personnel

## VISION

*Serving with Honor, Courage, & Compassion*

## STATEMENT OF CORE VALUES

*We, the members of the Lenoir City Fire Department are committed to the following values in our daily walk with coworkers and customers:*

- Professionalism – in application, appearance, attitude and standards
- Integrity – demonstrate honesty and fairness
- Compassion – demonstrate kindness and empathy
- Accountability – to God, family, personally, and professionally
- Respect – for our co-workers, ourselves, and especially our customers
- Unity – operational consistency through communication and community involvement
- Honor – the behavior of someone who has high moral standards
- Courage – the bravery and/or strength to do something that could be dangerous.

## FIRE SUPPRESSION ANNUAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS OF 240 HOURS:

- Company Training: (ISO) is now calling for 16 hours per month for a total 192 hours per year.
  - Hazardous Materials Training: ISO is now requiring six hours per year.
  - Driver Training: Departments are required to have personnel complete 12 hours per year.
  - New Driver Training: 60 hours of training.
  - Fire Officer Training: The Officer Certification Requirement remains steady at 12 hours per year.
  - Recruit Training: Personnel, who automatically get credit if their department requires state certification as an employment pre-requisite, are required to complete 240 hours.
  - Facility Training: This category, referring to training done at a training facility, is no longer called "Training Drills." Personnel now are required to complete 18 hours per year.
  - Pre-Planning Review: One review per year.
- Tennessee Fire & Codes Enforcement Academy is a key component of training for fire department personnel in Lenoir City. ■

**REMEMBER – SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES!**



1. Firefighter Rescue 2. Forcible Entry - Door Breach 3. Forcible Entry - Hinge Cut 4. Firefighter Survival - Ladder Bailout

# Lenoir City Stormwater Department News

Lenoir City Stormwater has been working hard on cleaning the creek and educating the children. The photo shows just how much trash was removed from Town Creek in about three hours on a Saturday morning! Some notable items include tires, part of a bike, and a soccer ball. Another clean-up is in the works for some time in April so stay tuned for more information on that.

We recently visited science classes

over at Lenoir City High School for a two-day lesson on *Who Dirtied the Tennessee River*. First, the students got to contribute to dirtying a body of water symbolizing the Tennessee River. Then, they got to try their hand at cleaning the water with materials such as coffee filters and activated charcoal. The students learned the lesson that it is much easier to keep the water clean to begin with, than to clean it after it is dirty. ■





# Public Works Department

## Contact Information:

J.J. Cox, Street Superintendent, Phone: 865-986-2715

The Spring season is here, and Summer is just around the corner, and our department is working to make sure your needs are met!

The Public Works Department was awarded a Diesel Replacement Grant for diesel engine vehicles that are 2006 models or older. We were able to purchase a new backhoe, four dump trucks, and two One-ton trucks totaling approximately \$500,000 using grant funds. We are very proud to be able to have the new equipment (pictured).

Mowing season is beginning and you'll see our crews out weed-eating, mowing, and picking up litter. As always, we ask that you please be vigilant of our crews as you navigate through the City.

We have identified several roadways that will be milled, paved, and restriped this Summer, as well. We will be bidding and contracting this project in short order, and work will commence in May or June.

Are you cleaning out a house or property in the City and in need of a truck in which to load the debris? Call 865-986-2715 to request a truck to be brought for your convenience. A "tipping fee" will also be associated with this service – depending on the size/weight of the load. Additionally, if you become aware of potholes, signage, or other roadway issues, please call 865-986-2715.

Please take a look at the included Household Garbage Collection Schedule for information on when garbage will be collected in your area. Please keep in mind that it is your responsibility to ensure the area around your garbage receptacle/dumpster is free from trash and other debris.

If you have any questions or comments to share, please contact J.J. Cox at 865-986-2715. Have an enjoyable Spring and Summer season! ■



## Garbage Collection Schedule - Spring 2020

### MONDAY:

Pick-up from D Street West to E, F, G, H, I, J, K, M, N, and Q Streets; both sides of West Broadway from D Street to O Street; West 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Avenue; Crestwood Hills Subdivision; and Chestnut Ridge Subdivision off Harrison Road; Halls Ferry Road

### TUESDAY:

Pick-up from D Street West to C, B, A Streets, and East side of Kingston and Hill Streets; East 1st; East 2nd; East 3rd Avenues; Pine Ridge Apartments; Pinewood Condominiums. Pick-up on Simpson Road; Twin Lakes Drive; Pinetop Street; Highland Park Drive; Pearl Drive; all of Harmony Heights sub-division; Sharp Estates; Carrington Subdivision; Myers Road; Tom Lee Road; Town Creek Road West; Allenbrook Subdivision.

### WEDNESDAY:

Pick-up on Rock Springs Road; 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th Avenues and West Side of Kingston Street. Pick-up on A, B, C, D, E, F, and G Streets. Pick-up on Oakland Avenue; Coffey Circle; and Browder Hollow Road from Highway 11 to Finley Drive. Pick-up on Mincey Street and all of 10th Avenue. Pick-up on West Hills Drive; Emerald Court; Oak Hills Subdivision; Visitor's Center; and Jan Way

### THURSDAY:

Pick-up on Johnson Drive from Finley Drive to West Hills Drive including Johnson Circle. Pick-up on Tracy Lane and Frances Drive. Pick-up on Church Drive and all dead ends off Church Drive. Pick-up in Hamilton Subdivision; Ivy Avenue; Candlenook Drive; Ash Avenue; and Rogers Circle. Pick-up on Harrison Road; Harrison Woods; Norwood Drive; Harrison Avenue; and Reeves Street. Pick-up on Wilson Street; Kirk Avenue; Harrison Glen Subdivision; Acadia Villas; Kennedy Drive; Coley Lane; and Heape Road.

### FRIDAY:

Pick-up on Nelson Street; Depot Street; Rear-side of town; and Bussell Ferry Road. Pick-up on Lee Drive; Hillcrest; Executive Meadows; Green Meadows Lane; Happy Hollow Road; Poplar Street; Pike Street; Locust Street; Bon Street; and Maple Street. Pick-up on Bell Avenue; North and South Cherry Street; North and South Walnut Street. Pick-up on 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Avenues off Highway 321; North and South Oak Street. Pick-up on Highland Circle; Hall Street; and Simpson Road (behind Bimbo's Convenience Store). ■



530 Hwy. 321 N  
P.O. Box 445  
Lenoir City TN 37771

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Standard  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Permit #210  
Sweetwater, TN

## Transportation Projects Update

### **Downtown Streetscapes – Phase II**

Cost: \$1,650,000

(97% Federal and State/2.84% Local)

This project takes place along Broadway from C Street to A Street and from Kingston Street to Grand Street and B Street between 1st Avenue and Broadway. The project includes sidewalks, crosswalks, landscaping, and pedestrian lighting. The outcome will be similar to what you see in Phase I (Kingston Street to A Street).

Please make note of the unique nature of the cost break-down. We were successful in applying for and being awarded a combination of grants that will only require us to fund approximately 2.8% of the total project...meaning that we will receive a \$1,650,000 project for approximately \$46,999. The project is now complete!

**Intersection Safety Improvements at Highway 95 and Town Creek Road (beside Kingston Pike Baptist Church)**  
Estimated Cost: \$470,050 (TDOT Funded)

This project is categorized as a TDOT "spot safety" project. Sight distance will

be greatly improved at this location. I have been told by TDOT that the environmental phase is underway and construction could be expected Summer 2020.

**Simpson Road Widening Project –**  
Widening the roadway (from Hwy. 321 to Shaw Ferry Road)

Cost: \$997,000 (80% Federal/20% Local)

This project includes widening the roadway from 18' to 26', addition of a left turn lane into First Baptist Church, and addition of sidewalks along the commercial side of Simpson Road.

We are currently waiting for the Notice to Proceed for Construction Phase, and plan to bid the project in April (as long as TDOT approves).

**I-75 Interchange Lighting, Exit 81**

Cost: \$720,000

(90% Federal and State/10% Local)

This TDOT-managed project takes place at Exit 81 off I-75 and will include the addition of high-mast lighting. This will add to the safety of our exit and will work to encourage more travelers to use our exit for food, fuel, etc. TDOT

estimates the project will be bid in Summer 2020.

**CMAQ Intelligent Transportation**

**System Project: Signal System Upgrade**  
Cost: \$1.3 million (100% grant funds)

This project takes place along Hwy. 321 (from the intersection of 321/11 to I-75) and the Hwy. 11 corridor, leading to improved communications between traffic signals and, hence, more efficient flow of traffics throughout both corridors.

The project was postponed for one year (due to state funding issues) but is now back on track. We are currently working through Environmental Document re-evaluation and will expect the approval to bid after that is accepted.

\*\*The City has multiple transportation projects underway, and we have completed many others over the recent years. The City is building the infrastructure necessary to attract commercial and residential growth in our area. These projects (although frustrating, at times) are a strong indicator of prosperity for a community. ■



Pilot Club of Lenoir City Presents...

# DENIM DIAMONDS



A “Senior”  
Prom for  
Guests  
21 Years of  
Age and Up!

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2020  
7:00-11:00 P.M.

The Venue at Lenoir City  
7690 Creekwood Park Blvd.  
Lenoir City, TN 37772

**Purchase Tickets: [bit.ly/PilotClub2020](https://bit.ly/PilotClub2020)**

Individual Tickets (open seating): \$50

Table of 10 (reserved seating): \$450

Tickets include dinner, dancing, keepsake photo,  
champagne punch, and a cash bar (beer & wine).

You can even vote for Prom King & Queen!

*Proceeds benefit the Pilot Club of Lenoir City and its brain  
health & “caring for the caregiver” community initiatives.*

**More Information: 865-986-8340**